

**Ninth District.**  
The last Statesman throws cold water on the prospects of Dr. Fitch, and intimates that if he had stood on the free soil platform, which Ellis and a few such could get for him two years ago, there would be no doubt of his election. In conclusion he says:

"If any man could have personal feelings in this matter it is the writer of this paragraph—Dr. Fitch has treated him as the Butler in sacred writ treated Joseph—but this is not the time to remember personal injuries, when the principles for which we have struggled a life-time are at stake."

Now the whole cause of complaint against Dr. Fitch is that last November meeting with Dr. Ellis, the latter in a private conversation, attempted to draw from Dr. Fitch something new, that might confirm his assaults on us; and in his next issue the following paragraph appeared:

Dr. Graham N. Fitch passed through the city last week en route for Washington. The Doctor assures us that the disunion hump was the veriest farce imaginable; that he was opposed to the passage of the Fugitive Slave Bill; went to Bill Brown and urged him not to vote for it; and for himself was determined to vote for its repeal. He regards the Fugitive Slave Bill as an utter abomination."

On seeing it, Dr. F. immediately contradicted the statement. He had held no such conversation with Ellis. The prompt denial of Dr. Fitch is the Butler's treatment of Joseph. Very bad, indeed! Since that time Ellis has been secretly opposing Fitch. A Democrat from the Ninth District writes as follows:

"Ellis, in his tour through this part of the State, did all he could to prejudice Dr. Fitch's election. Post-office Brown is in a sneaking unwholesome way, characteristic of the man, doing the same."

Dr. Fitch understands the man, and the Democracy of the Ninth District are beginning to understand him. If Dr. Fitch is defeated, he will understand the cause, and so will the glorious Democracy of that district.

**Mr. Robinson and Disunion.**

We clip the following from the Deatur Local Press: "An intelligent and independent Democrat stated publicly a few days since that he would not vote for Mr. Robinson, or any other man, who endeavored to recruit the people into his support by the cry of 'disunion.' He said that northern disunionists were now mounting the hobby so successfully in times past by southern traitors. 'Disunion' has been the chief and bloody bone of the South for time immemorial, and that such traitors as Mr. Robinson, having secured out of their wits by it, were about trying its efficacy with the people."

This man will doubtless vote for Col. Watts, the nominee of the free soil convention. If the editor fairly represents him, he must have been a careful reader of the National Era, and have enjoyed the stated preaching of James H. Cravens and S. S. Harding—perhaps he is one of the intelligent Democrats in that county who have been engaged in hiding away fugitive slaves. There are some such who may claim to be "true democrats." The language is familiar to us. We have heard it often from Chase, Hale, Julian and Giddings. But never from a Democrat.

**Oregon News.**

The election returns are incomplete. Clackamas, Washington, Marion, Yamhill, Benton, Polk and Clark counties give Gen. Lane 1663 votes, and Dr. Wilson 251. The remaining counties and precincts will soon give Gen. Lane's vote about 300. Among the Representatives elected to the Territorial Legislature, we notice the name of W. T. Matlock, Esq., formerly of Hendricks county, Indiana.

Coal has been discovered in large quantities on the Clackamas river.

A railroad has been constructed around the cascades, which will be a great convenience to emigrants.

Previous to the election, Gen. Lane addressed a circular to the voters, in which he stated that it was his intention to remove his family to Oregon and settle them on a claim he was then improving.

The Star printing office has been removed from Milwaukee to Portland, and the name of the paper changed to the Weekly Times.

**The National Road Route.**

Since the opening of the Central route from Pittsburg to Harrisburg, and from this city to New York, by Cleveland, the old National Road is comparatively abandoned. The rank grass will grow upon its borders, and before many years it will be abandoned to simply neighborhood travel. The monopoly of stage lines, the abuse of agents, the extortion of landholders, the denigration of drunken Jakes, cheating mountain tops and plunging down their slippery sides, all of them borne so long, not with patience, but with curses loud and deep, and endured only because the energy and enterprise of men had been haggard in the effort to overcome the difficulties of the road, are now forgotten by the locomotive power, or remembered only with a shudder at their bone-breaking and neck-risking monstrosities.

We clip the above from the Cincinnati Enquirer. This graphic description will soon be applicable to the road from Terre Haute, east. The whistle of the iron horse, will supercede the crack of the coachman's whip.

**JOSEPH R. GIDDINGS.**—We see it stated in some of our exchange papers that "At an Anti-Slavery meeting held in Georgia county, on the 4th inst., Mr. Giddings was present, and publicly announced that he had withdrawn from the New School Presbyterian Church on account of slavery."

We are sorry Mr. Giddings, but we have thought for some time past that he was too holy for any association or purpose connected with this world. We wonder that he has not long since withdrawn from Congress for the same reason, that he withdrew from the Church. It surely could not be that the eight dollars per day has any influence upon his decision.—*Lanesville Courier.*

**INTERESTING DISCOVERY.**—On Monday, the 7th inst., a very interesting discovery was made. Fort Recovery, in Darke county. It appears that the recent heavy rains had so washed a piece of ground near or on the site of St. Clair's defeat, as to expose a human skull.—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

Curiously being excited, further search was made by re-excavating the earth, when upwards of forty human skeletons were exhumed. The remains were in a good state of preservation, and every skeleton exhibited the effects of the tomahawk or deadly bullet. These were evidently the remains of a party of those who fell in the terrible defeat of St. Clair's army at that place.—*Dayton Journal.*

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**Congress Printing.**  
During the last session of Congress a joint resolution passed the House of Representatives for the relief of the public printers, and as the votes of the members of Congress who sustained the resolution, have been severely censured by the Whig and Free Soil papers of Indiana, and by the Whig and Free Soil candidates; we publish the report of the committee and the resolution. The report in a very condensed form shows the extent of Mr. Ritchie's losses. The committee were unanimous. It was composed of three members, Mr. McWille, of Miss, Mr. Morehead, of Ky., and Mr. Fuller, of Maine, one Whig, one Democrat, and one Southern rights man. Two of the committee were opposed to Mr. Ritchie in politics, yet the report was unanimous. We hope our readers will give it a careful perusal.

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

**FRIDAY, Feb. 23, 1851.**

After the reading of the Journal,  
Mr. McWille, from the Committee on Printing, made a report on the petition of Thomas Ritchie, for relief of the public printers, and the instructions to the committee to inquire whether the contract for the printing of the Thirty-first Congress, had been complied with on the part of Thomas Ritchie, and what has been the amount of his losses on that account; reporting that the original resolution referred to them; which report and resolution are as follows:

The Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the joint resolution for the relief of Thomas Ritchie, in relation to the public printing, with instructions to report "whether Mr. Ritchie has executed the public printing, having regard to the quality of the work, and to time, agreeably to his contract, and what sum he has lost by his contract," report:

That they have had the same under consideration, and that they are satisfied that the quality of the work has been according to the contract, except as to the weight of the paper used in printing the extra numbers. And it is properly in this connection to state, that the paper used in printing the regular numbers, was of a quality better than that required by the contract; and that the testimony of Mr. Farman, from whom Mr. Ritchie purchased all the paper, is that the cost of the paper used in the extra numbers was about that for which he could have procured paper agreeably to contract.

In reference to the time in which the work was executed, having regard to the contract, the committee report that the delay in the execution of the work has arisen from the great quantity of work ordered. The basis on which the estimates were made, at the time of entering into the contract was the amount of printing ordered by the previous Congress, which was 1,500,000 copies of the public documents, in the first session; while three hundred and forty-three thousand were ordered by the first session of the present Congress. This work has been executed at the rate of one thousand volumes per day, of eight hundred pages each. Also, several weeks were lost at the commencement of the session, owing to the difficulty in the organization of the House. For these reasons the committee are of opinion that the delay in the execution of the work, has been rather apparent than real.

As to the amount of money lost by Mr. Ritchie by his contract for the public printing, the unfinished state of the work, the uncertainty of what may yet be ordered by Congress, and the fact that the public documents, of the public documents, is done in common with the newspaper, and no separate accounts have been kept, render it impossible to more than approximate the actual loss. From estimates made by the clerk of the House, it is ascertained that the amount of the following documents is much more than was received on the contract, viz:

Report of Finances, .....	21,500 copies.
President's Message, part 1st, .....	11,250
Commerce and Navigation, .....	6,750
.....	39,500

The cost, agreeably to the rates established by the Typographical Society of this city, is \$19,015. The amount received by Mr. Ritchie, under the contract, is \$15,282 12; thus showing an actual loss of \$7,453 88. These figures were taken by the clerk of the House, and from which it is apparent, if the estimates are correct, that the loss is very great, being \$65,433 50 on the printing of the last session.

It is further stated, that Mr. Ritchie contracted for the printing of seven documents in N. W. York on the best terms he could obtain; and for the printing of these documents he paid \$1,433 97, while the prices of the Typographical Society of this city would have been \$1,433 97. The same documents, with fifty per cent. deduction on the price of \$19, would cost \$1,015 01, while Mr. Ritchie only received under the contract \$724 57 on these documents.

**W. M. MCWILLIE,**  
Chairman of House Committee.

**Joint Resolution for the relief of Thomas Ritchie, and for other purposes.**

Resolved, That Wm. M. Belt, the contractor for executing the third and fourth sessions of the Thirty-first Congress, be, and he is hereby relieved from the terms of his contract; and that in lieu of said terms he shall receive, as compensation for the work he has already executed under said contract, payments at the rate of one-half the price of the work, as ordered by the Joint Resolution of 1849, and that he shall faithfully execute the remainder of the work contemplated by said contract, and be paid for it at the same rate. *Provided,* That the said Wm. M. Belt shall not receive more than the sum of \$10,000, and that the House of Representatives, within five days after the passage of this resolution, of his acceptance of, and agreement to its terms.

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